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Rosemary Powers

Welcome everybody to our events that's happens every week. We have a celebration this coming week. With honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. And so I thought it might be good just to have find a little something he might have said that to spur us on to our work. So, in 1956, when he was 25, years old, he was getting ready to participate in already had a little in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and he wrote a sermon because he was a preacher he wrote a sermon, that was called on being a good neighbor. And in this speech he, or sermon he identified a neighbor as anyone who lives in need at life's roadside yes to questions about those in need. During his own time, he said, what would happen to me if I stopped to help this person. And then he asked a parable used a parable from his faith tradition about the Good Samaritan those of you with that faith traditional recognize it and ask the question a little differently. If I don't stop to help this person, what will happen to them. Or put a different way, what will happen if we don't take a stand. So I welcome all of you to this, who are taking a stand however you're taking it in whatever way you're doing it, walking with the needle, low lives roadside, and our common purpose is even more important today. When our national neighborhood is so conflicted on our local neighborhoods, find a lot of resistance to the presence of unhoused people. Here we gather as an Open Table, we're all welcome to join and speak and learn and act, and our tradition here has been to take the first few minutes together to welcome anyone who is new to the group for the first time or who has been away for a while to introduce yourselves, say if you're connected to any group that we might be able to network with, and then we'll move on to the agenda once we've heard from anybody who's able to unmute themselves and if you're a speaker today that will let us know you're here too, so anyone who's new today. Just go ahead and say who you are.

Yes,

Robin O'Grady

I'm Robin O'Grady with fusion in Federal Way, and I'm excited to be here today and I'll be presenting. When the time comes.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome Robin.

Amanda Walkingstick

Hello, I'm Amanda, I'm with the Pierce County Community Engagement Task Force and I will also be presenting today.

Rosemary Powers

Welcome Amanda Thank you for coming.

Todd Holloway

Oh hi my name is Todd Holloway I work for the Center for Independence, and I had been part of the Tacoma Pierce County coalition to end homelessness for quite a few years and had to step aside from that, for a while. I've done many point in time homeless counts and worked quite extensively over the years with Garrett so happy to see all the work that you guys have done for so long and happy to be here to help in any way I can today.

Rosemary Powers

Well, welcome back Todd look forward to getting to know you too. I think that's us and you'll get to know us as you present in as you continue to participate with us however you can.

Rob Huff

Thank you, rosemary. I'll hand the floor over to Nathan for an update on what's, what's happening this week on the streets. Hey, yeah. So for those of you that don't know me I'm Nathan Blackmore from comprehensive life resources homeless outreach team.

Nate Blackmer

And I wasn't able to get like a speaker from any of the other agencies. This week, but I wanted to like we like to use this section to open the floor up to anyone doing direct service so they could talk to the things that they're seeing out doing direct service. I have to have two main things that I wanted to bring to the coalition today. The first is, as I reported, maybe about a month ago. We've my entire outreach team is like, hit a brick wall with securing ideas for clients. This is especially troubling with us setting up. Well, I suppose I should say with the city setting up additional warming centers as we're setting up these new shelters basically without the ability to rehab someone's ID the extent of our case management really kind of stops at Coordinated entry right which isn't, nothing but it would be much much better if we could find a way to get access and our management has been unable to make any

type of headway with DLL and I remember before the holidays, the coalition had mentioned that it could take on maybe getting someone from the DLL to be a point of contact for direct service providers. So I think that's something that we really need to look at. So that's the first thing. And the second thing is we're seeing a flood of new evictions, which isn't something that should be happening right so landlords have as they do figured out a way around the eviction moratorium, and what that is is there are two paths that are being taken right now by landlords. The first is, they're claiming that they're going to sell the property. and the second is they're claiming they're going to repossess it to inhabit it. So, if anyone out there is doing any advocacy actions. Those two things need to be regulated in some way and they're just not. I'm also talking to pro bono I see about three of these a week right now they're saying they're seeing, you know, while upwards of 100 in the last couple of months, because it's just what people are doing to get around it. Yeah. So those are the two big things that I've seen recently, along with, you know, General landlord shittiness but. Has anybody else doing direct service got anything they want to bring up or talk to

Rob Huff

one open troubleshooting question Does anybody have a direct contact to Department of Licensing that could help, help us deal with that. Id issue.

Todd Holloway

Todd, I'm Rob what have you, historically done to help folks with with licensing. I know over the years we've, we've worked directly with, with the, with just the offices where we can but beyond that, I don't think we've done a lot. That was more direct work as well.

Traditionally, that's

Nate Blackmer

what we do as well. Right. A big part of our job is what we refer to as resource brokerage where we'll like go and like be at the white person in the room and it happens right with you know institutions that we know typically shut down our clients, an issue that we've had is since COVID. Getting face to face appointments with DLL is virtually impossible. And often, you're on the phone on hold for about an hour before you finally get shut down by an automated switchboard, so like there's literally zero success right out of my office and getting anything from DLL in the last like two months and it's a it's a major roadblock for our clients.

Theresa Power-Drutis

I want to echo that that's that's a problem for, particularly for people who have criminal histories, who can't seem to get their licenses so I really would like to work with you, Nathan in any way I can help on that. I also want to say that one of the new issues is that some of the property management companies and landlords have started giving their clients their, their people renting from them, these lists of Rhys really resources for people facing evictions or who want rent assistance, and they've got a lot of bad information on that. I don't know if any of the other agencies are flooded with as many calls as we are but number one new connections does not have rental assistance money. We do not have money to help with utilities, but they have us listed as offering both of those things so it's it's a real problem

because people who are in that situation, they do not need to be misdirected. So if anyone sees that and can I've gone back to the source of a couple of these but I can't seem to get, you know, it's already out there in the air. Please try to correct your information so that people can stop wasting their time and spinning their wheels really makes me angry.

Todd Holloway

Teresa this thought of. I'm curious if, if, if you know the source of where that information is coming from are they going through to one one.

Theresa Power-Drutis

They have claimed that that's that they. Everyone I spoke with got it from their landlord or from a property management place. I don't know if any. Anyone else have any experience with that.

Robb Huff

Maureen,

Maureen Howard

I don't have experience but I was gonna suggest as maybe a solution of, I think Mike Yoder is on the call I don't know if Tina is or not. But if the landlord liaison program could help us track that back and maybe Lori and if there's anybody if Jennifer's on if you could see if you've got landlords, that you're dealing with who are, you know, giving out inaccurate information.

Laurie Davenport

Yeah, we'll see what we can find out. Yeah,

Mike Yoder

I'll make sure that Tina and the landlord liaison people are aware as well.

Maureen Howard

Appreciate that. And call Teresa.

Rob Huff

All right. Anything else needed that we need to talk about about what's happening on the streets this week.

Nate Blackmer

No I don't think so those are the big things. Laurie just like I don't know if you were on I was talking about the two types of evictions that we're seeing.

Joy Stanford

Oh right,

Laurie Davenport

yeah the two that are the loophole. The giant driving trucks through loopholes. I'm selling the house or I'm going to live there. Yeah, and I was, it's it's very prevalent, I was on a call yesterday with the Attorney General's board that's working on Veterans issues and there. Everybody's seeing it a lot. Anybody who's doing pro bono work. We've got hearings every day. So, they need to do more than they, they did a little bit there has to be an affidavit, but you know they can still proceed and by the time people are out, you know. Can we go back and do much.

Robin O'Grady

Well, I'm just going to pop in one thing that we're seeing is there isn't any sort of requirement of follow through. So for example, I came across somebody who submitted proof that they talked to realtors, but anybody can call a realtor and say they're going to do something, but that doesn't mean they're actually going to do it. And so I do definitely agree with Nathan that there needs to be more regulation because people are just saying things and the courts like well I can only take them at their word and they've said enough that it seems like they're going to do it so

Robb Huff

yeah Maureen, and you're muted. You're muted.

Maureen Howard

How can that be. So two things. One, if you are working directly with clients or even people in your own agencies, encourage people to stay in place, as long as they are safe, do not have them self evict rental assistance money is coming, it's going to be here within a few weeks, so do not, there's 510 million coming for Washington State. So, do not let them self evict, please. That's one thing. The other thing is, start listing all of these examples of inappropriate evictions or potentially illegal evictions. So, because there will be there are rental bill tenant bills tenant protection bills that are being put forward in the legislature and the more actual examples we have the that you have at hand. The better we can collectively make the case for these protections and not, you know, treat it like HIPAA, so they can't track the individual, but you've got the, you've got the date you've got the circumstance, you might even have the landlord, but not the, not the individual you know a mother with eight children, sort of stuff, or whatever it is. So, so and keep it someplace where you can find it at a moment's notice. Thank you. Yeah, that

Nate Blackmer

don't make sense, I think there needs to be a bigger advocacy push around it is the thing like I think like the

Curiosity right

Maureen Howard

there is there's a whole package of tenant protections.

Nate Blackmer

Yeah, I'm I'm more like on the city level because like when the city required when they did the change of purpose sales that there was a 90 day follow up on the project so that if they were if they did that change or purpose renovation whatever it was that they did that trance, sorry the relocation assistance for that there was like a 90 day window in which if they behaved in a way that was inconsistent with their claim that they would then come back and like be liable for trends

Maureen Howard

and and we can do those jurisdiction by jurisdiction, we can put that on the list, or we can try and get it from the state. Yeah. Gotcha. So,

Rob Huff

all right thanks Nathan and everybody for a productive conversation. If anybody has an interest in talking during this. This week on the streets section in future weeks, please let Nathan and I know and that's really what this. This segment is about is trying to respond to what's happening this week, and give people tools so that we can avoid these problems for our clients so thank you. So let's move on to our first presentation so Robin O'Grady from the fusion Family Center in Federal Way wanted to talk to us about her services so Robin I give you the floor.

Robin O'Grady

Thank you so much everybody and good too good to be here. I'm Robin O'Grady I'm the executive director of fusion in Federal Way. And for those of you who aren't familiar with fusion we've been around for 28 years, we actually started at Peggy reports kitchen table. She and a few of her friends got together and, and we're working toward efforts to help women escaping domestic violence, and had their first fundraiser and were able able actually after that fundraiser to purchase our first transitional housing unit and that was in 1993 So, since then we have purchased 20 transitional housing units and they are spread out through Federal Way in northeast Tacoma, and they are a blend of single family homes and condos. We also have case management services. We have a wonderful case manager who actually goes and works with the families on site in the units, and we have a furnishing and decor boutique called fusion decor boutique, and it's in Federal Way as well and that it's called upscale resale store actually provides funds to operate and maintain our 20 transitional housing units, just about two and a half years ago. We began an effort toward opening an emergency family shelter in South King County. And we're awarded \$3 million from the state of Washington and \$3 million from King County to purchase the old blighted econo lodge Hotel in Federal Way. And for the last two years we've been working on renovations and preparing for operations at that site, and I'm happy to say that on Christmas Eve we were actually able to the day before Christmas Eve we got our occupancy permit. We're finally able to receive our first family on Christmas Eve so it was quite a, quite a good day. We have the capacity there to house. 29, families, and family composition can be any family composition as long as there are minor children in their care. We're working with the other shelter programs. Family shelter programs and people can access our services by by tapping in with the Mary's place. Central list. They hold the list for all of the family shelters in King County, and I'll put the information there in the chat box if you have families, it doesn't matter where they're coming from. If you have families that are in need of emergency shelter. And we, we do have space available. Currently, there is a screening process that occurs and a background check. And we are. We have a zero tolerance for alcohol and other drug use, while on site, and the program is approximately 90 days it's variable stay if folks need

need more time, we're open to giving them more time we have a full time housing and employment specialist, and we're connected with our community resources through the community collective impact coalition in Federal Way. And so, we, we have a table of community partners at that meeting who are working with us to ensure that the families in our area can access services. We're also working very closely with the Federal Way school district, and I guess. The landscapers in my neighborhood decided that right now is a good time to mow right outside my window I apologize. It's a zoom world. So, we are we are very excited we currently have six families on site, and we can take up to 29 families we have all COVID safety precautions in place, and a full team ready to assist our families to help them find permanency so we're very excited. It is possible that some of our families going through the emergency shelter might have access also to our transitional housing units, as, as availability occurs, and we're really wanting to partner more closely with Pierce County, we do have a lot of families coming from Pierce County and our transitional housing and have have over the years. So, um, let's see what else was I gonna share with you today. Yeah, so I'll put the Mary's place. Central phone number in the chat box along with my personal information feel free if you've got a family to refer them to the Mary's place list. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me directly, and I will make sure that dorsal plants he's our program manager gets the information so that we can get screenings done and get folks in as soon as possible. We're a little bit surprised because over the holidays Mary's place list, only had two families on it. And, interestingly, you know, at the time, we were started our screening there were 24 families on it. So, either people found adequate shelter or they were with family over the holidays but we are ramping up we do have space and hope that we can work with all of you to, to help help get families off the street.

Rob Huff

So Robin I do see a question in the chat, asking whether families need to be actively fleeing domestic violence to use your services.

Robin O'Grady

Not at all. No, and it could be single, it could be single dads it could be grandmother grandchildren, any family composition is fine domestic violence is not a criteria. Yeah. And we're screening, we're screening in as opposed to screening out and there are four things that that will screen, someone out and of course those are the basic, you know, violent crimes arson meth manufacturing or drug manufacturing and sexual sex offenses. Great. And it's in Federal Way Yeah,

Rob Huff

and Colin asked what's the annual operating cost of your program and how much did it cost to set up, it sounds like it was quite an investment to rehab the econolodge for two years.

Robin O'Grady

Absolutely, yeah so \$6 million project, our annual operating budget is right around \$600,000 a year. Great.

Rob Huff

Do you want to just ask your question.

Maureen Howard

Sure Robin, it's great. I've seen the program on TV, so it's great that you were here today, but does our local why here and to come with the YWCA know that you've got open rooms because they sent out a message they've got 300 households on the waiting list for their 54 housing units, and maybe some of those might be appropriate for your empty room.

Robin O'Grady

Yeah, who is that Do you know where the contact is there marine

Maureen Howard

aisles, it's Karen is the Deputy Director, but we'll get you that.

Robin O'Grady

Yeah, if you can shoot that my way I'd love to sit with her and just let her know what's going on. And absolutely please list our shelter on the website that would be fantastic. People don't have to go through Mary's place to get access. Oh, it's one avenue so anyone can call anytime and get in, potentially get access if we have availability.

Maureen Howard

Like anytime anytime, like, after hours. Anytime

Robin O'Grady

we are open after hours we're staffed 24 hours a day seven days a week right now our intakes are done during the day, because our team is lean, we have a lean staff, right now, but as we continue ramping up. We do anticipate doing admits at any time.

Joy Stanford

Robin This is Joyce Stanford, I live over in gay Carver. Hey, My question to you is, what's the staffing, as far as your \$600,000 budget.

Robin O'Grady

How much of that is staffing. Is that what Yeah. Yes. The majority of that is staffing actually I think it's right around 400

Joy Stanford

M was that collaboration between city, county, state funds. Yeah.

Robin O'Grady

Yeah, so we're, we're aggressively, as many of you are I'm sure we are aggressively already looking for funds, you know to sustain the project. The majority of the funds for operations came from King County, but those funds will only help us for over the next couple years, so we were able to

to

Robin O'Grady

earmark some of the funds that we received for operations, through 2022 and part of 23.

Rob Huff

Another question for you. Robin is Jan from Lhasa asking if the your clients need to come through coordinated entry.

No.

Robb Huff

Okay, thank you

Sara Irish

for that question too is that any immigration requirements for people to.

Robin O'Grady

Okay,

Sara Irish

thank you.

Robin O'Grady

No, no, and we're working we've got we've got families from all over. In fact, right now we're working with a family from Afghanistan, we have a family from the Congo, we have a family from Ethiopia. And so we're tapping in right now with interpreters that seems to be kind of a challenge. So we're working to find out who we can, who we can pull into the loop to get those interpreter services.

Joy Stanford

I'm sure the schools would help you with that if you needed that Robin so I would tap into the school districts that those kids may be in currently, or maybe going into.

Laurie Davenport

Thank you. Thanks.

Robin O'Grady

I heard there's 100 I think it was 173 different languages spoken in the Federal Way school district yes

Joy Stanford

there is yes. Incredible.

Rob Huff

Colin.

Colin DeForest

I was just curious are the and I got on late so I didn't if I missed some of this. I'm sorry. What I would imagine logistically that these rooms probably don't have kitchenettes, and if they do cool. If they don't, I'm just curious how does the logistics of meals work.

Robin O'Grady

Yeah, so, so, so it's a three storey building. And just to give you a little frame of reference here it's a three storey building the first floor. We have a commercial kitchen we have a great room we have all of our admin staff offices there. The second and third floors are actually our guest rooms and on each floor we have a full kitchen full laundry. And like a living room space. So, and in each room. It's actually a hotel room that's been renovated and each family unit we call them, and they have a microwave and mini fridge for food that they don't want to share, but in on each floor there is a full kitchen and large, large refrigerators, so they can cook meals for their families to come and take a tour I would love love love to host, so feel free to connect and in the coming weeks, I'd be happy to give you a tour.

Rob Huff

Great, thanks Robin and Robin's email is in our agenda for today. And if you want to drop that contact information in the chat that would be fantastic.

Robin O'Grady

Perfect. Thanks so much.

Robb Huff

You're welcome.

I dropped the program manager for the YWCA her name and her contact information in the chat for you, Kristin Thomas's her name. Great.

Robin O'Grady

Thank you. Appreciate it.

Rob Huff

All right. So, for those who joined us a little bit late I did mention at the beginning of today's meeting that we have a, an extra presentation that I didn't squeeze into the agenda so I'm shuffling things around a little bit with the planned agenda for today. With that in mind, Maureen would you be up for doing a safe shelter summit update now.

Maureen Howard

Sure. Okay. Garrett you can chime in. So I. We have at least 100 people registered. The invitation Garrett's gonna check now to see exactly how many I think we, the invitation we sell these are our speakers. We have the mayor, Mayor Victoria woods, again, providing opening remarks. She is our partner in this endeavor we have. Oh, it has a title that safe shelter summit, two Roman numeral two

taking action. The mayor will open, Carlos custom Leon will be our facilitator again Garrett all right the final script and Mayor woodards, and we're really pleased that Tom Pearson, who had to come up here as County Chamber of Commerce, will be the second person, offering opening remarks. We really wanted to highlight that partnership and to take this opportunity to thank al Radcliffe because his long hard work, created this partnership and. And it's, It's a good thing. So thank you, Al. It's always nice to see something actually happened. I think, and then we will. Kevin will do just sort of our Director of special projects will do just kind of a brief overview of our, the story, health, public space or shelter and services, and then we will go into commitments and people on the steering committee and remember this is always still open. So, you all want to join us three o'clock Monday afternoon, put a note in the chat and we'll get you the link. And so people who are, who have taken responsibility for those requests to follow up on them. We'll be working madly to get as many firm commitments from the entities, whether it's government or business or another agency as possible and to get the representatives from the entity making the commitment to make that public commitment. Then we'll probably also have some that are not final commitments, but are rather commitments and process some of these requests. As you know are pretty heavy lifts. And so it may be a matter of, we've got an entity that's agreed to take on this particular project and see it through. If your organization have made a commitment and you're worried that we didn't catch it. Please put it in the chat today, or email info at Pc homeless.org to make sure we have it. So we'll do the commitments, and then we will have an opportunity to break into random focus rooms to really try and keep the energy going like, how do we how do people want to be involved and what do they need to do that. And if we get specific commitments, we're going to ask people to put those in the chat afterwards. We're not going to do our reporting out in group there's not enough time and the large group will have a facilitator in each group that person will be responsible for, you know, sort of keeping the group on task and engaging with each other. And then, noting any individuals that want to be involved in some way going forward we're hoping that we surface people who are not the usual suspects Friday morning. Excuse me, but people who want to be involved, and maybe just didn't know how we're going off the assumption that there are a lot of people of goodwill out there who need a way in to do what they want to be able to do. And then we. Oh, and I forgot, we are, we've invited our six congressional folks to do a two minute video that would precede the commitments with their commitments and at the federal level things like, will they support fully funding housing vouchers for all that, that sort of thing we gave them about four asks, and unfortunately I wrote them before Biden Harris, you know came out last night with the his, his build. But I think they're pretty consistent anyway. And then we've asked county executive Dan Meyer to offer closing remarks that we've asked the CEO from greater Tacoma Community Foundation Kathy littman. Either she or Seth Kirby, some of you know from the foundation will speak on behalf of the Foundation, and the philanthropic community and then I'm going to close this out, and we're going to wrap this up in an hour. And this, the work doesn't end. I think the, where do we need you. If you want to be on the steering committee, please put it in the chat so we get you the link. If you have you all have an invitation. Garrett sent him out. I think Wednesday late Wednesday or Thursday. You all have an invitation. Use that invitation to invite your friends your networks. It's zoom and girdle watch the numbers and if we need to upgrade zoom we'll upgrade zoom but this is not restricted. So this is an opportunity, doesn't matter what the person's position is in their organization. And or their committee, or whatever. And we will and Teresa's winning right now, with no Laurie and Teresa are neck and neck. Lori sent out to a listserv of 1200 and Teresa sent out to numerous so I'm not sure if they add up in numbers or not but here's the thing, those, those links will take people like the request link that's in it

the invitation and then the program. it's going to take people to our website. And so, this will be recorded the transcript will be there as well. So, the information isn't going to go away. When I dreamt up what this ended up being. I mean I didn't make it into what it is I just wrote that email to the mayor late on a Sunday night after Patrick was killed. But what I didn't envision or what I think seems to be happening is there's like new energy. There are new people who seem to be coming to the table and an existing people coming together in new ways. And like Jan's got a commitment already about discharge from the hospitals to shelters that they're not going to just dump people at the shelter that we haven't solved. She hasn't solved the emergency room discharges, which turned out to be a whole different problem to solve at the hospital and. But, you know, the more we move toward these, the more we're going to keep people, more people safe. So, a man died, was reported in the newspaper man was the report was a man who's experiencing homelessness in his 70s with underlying health conditions, died of COVID-19. Nobody in their 70s should be homeless. Nobody should be homeless, certainly nobody should be dying of COVID-19. So, so anyway I, I'm not, I feel pretty good about the shelter. I know, last time I was really nervous at the summit, I feel. Last time I was super nervous. This time, I'm not I don't know if that's good or bad, but it's my level of anxiety reduction is due to all of you. So thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Maureen for all your work on this. And I think we're all looking forward to seeing the commitments. All right, so what I'm going to do is transfer is shift now to oh hell, please.

Al Ratcliffe

I put in the chat is there. Will there be subsequent so much to recognize progress and achievements and stuff. Old psychological truism is if you've got people to do something and it pays to recognize and reward.

Maureen Howard

I think. Thanks, owl. I think that it is, that's an issue I think the steering committee and the, you know, maybe it's a Friday morning discussion. But once we get through this and see what these commitments are and kind of figure out what the best road forward is. That's one thing. The other thing is, and I forgot this. So, we've been asked about how can people donate money to the coalition that there are people who want to donate money we don't have an answer. All right. We'll have a steering committee meeting Monday afternoon and make some kind of decision in terms of this summit. As you know associated ministries as serving as our fiscal agent for the grant from Pierce County connected that we use to hire Kevin, and Michael, and Garrett and Molly and I have started some conversations but we need this needs to be a broader conversation and so I'm not, I'm not sure how we handle it for this summit, it may be something we just say thank you for your interest in donating to the coalition Please select one of the current organizations that it's engaged in the work, something like that. But I think we do have to answer this question, especially as we become more visible and, as some of the folks in the steering committee, this week said, You know, sometimes that's what we can do is we can give money and it's really easy. And we're able to do it and we'd like to be able to do it. So I just put that as a big sticky note so if you want to be in that conversation. You can make a comment in the chat now you can come Monday afternoon. So, what we don't want to ever do we don't ever want to disrupt this Open Table.

And we want to make sure that we are fair and equitable in everything that we do. So, we might be inching our way towards a structure. God help us but

Rob Huff

yeah that was what I was gonna mention was once we get past this second summit, I think that needs to be one of the conversations that we have as a coalition. But it seems like we got a few other irons in the fire right. All right. Garrett did you want to say that publicly rather than just in the chat.

Gerrit Nyland

I guess can be chatting today, no I know I think our core mission as a coalition, like what we always come back to is this sort of coordination and support of direct service staff and I think one thing that we can do really well, that no one else is putting kind of general funds to is, is professional development is developing our leaders of tomorrow, and and finding ways to make sure training opportunities and all of that are available to everybody, small organizations big organizations. That's just one way we could do something that I'm not sure I know other organizations provide support like the, whatever the homeless university that the county operates like that's super useful but I just think some, you know, deeper thing so but think about that, like, what, what needs to be done that, you know that the money could make a real difference and support our mission. Not that we need to be soliciting money but but if people want to give

it.

Rob Huff

Yeah. James's comment and chat about a provider academies along those lines. All right, thank you everybody. Um, so this morning for our breakout discussion last week. Those of you who are on the call might remember that we had quite a bit of conversation, and we did in the planning group. Afterward, about issues that providers are having regarding when they have a positive COVID case and the interaction to get people into an appropriate location and kind of pick up the pieces with services after there's been a positive case in our programs. And so it was thought amongst the planning group that it might be helpful to have a conversation kind of share what that experience has been like a little bit and then have some breakout groups to talk about what are some of the key things that would be helpful to be answered so that we can provide feedback to the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department and others. To make the process more smooth, as we move forward. So, I want to think ahead of times James shared with the planning group last Friday, what took place. What he experienced after New Year's, and I thought if he could help kind of set the table for our conversation. Then we will break up into breakout groups to have a conversation among smaller group.

James Pogue

Thanks Rob and so for those that don't know me I'm James Pogue and the executive director of homeless services at comprehensive life resources. Besides, running the outreach team that includes Nate who's pretty active here in the coalition. I also oversee the beacon youth and young adult shelter where Carlos works, who's also hosting or emceeding the summit. For those that haven't heard all the wonderful news has happened to us recently, The overnight of December 30 leading into the 31st we

have a person in our shelter who was having symptoms and tested positive for COVID. And so my team did a really good job of like calling the the multi Caroline to get them into the temporary Care Center, but to do all that it took almost four hours so the person was in our shelter for four hours all of our staff had basically had to get first degree exposure to operate in the shelter to keep that person isolated and have their needs met, but also to make sure that other clients were getting their needs met and before we discovered that they were COVID positive, they had already had some time with folks in the building, and we determined that 10 participants at that night also got first degree exposure so we started just a normal protocol which includes those 10 going to get testing and our staff go through their process of testing and isolating, we got we were lucky to get rapid testing because later that day we learned that a second person in that group had COVID positive, which during our contact tracing of that second person, we determined that we couldn't safely say who had first degree exposure and who didn't call him the health department, this is Christmas or New Year's Eve, we determined that we just couldn't operate the shelter and we had a treat all of our at this point it was 33 participants as first degree exposure and all of our staff members as that one participant would been in the shelter for several days when we went using the three day incubation period and everything we determined that everybody in my program except for three had first degree exposure which was 30 staff, and 33 clients. So, you can imagine this was a really fun activity to do about six o'clock at night on Christmas Eve. We couldn't get the temporary Care Center to take the second person, as we were in the process of finding hotels and things to secure our phones, so after calling around and letting people, for whatever reason that the care center just wouldn't take our folks they only would take the first positive and not the second there's some degree of uncertainty of their qualifications and screening but we did say that this person in our screening had some challenges following our mask rule and distancing rule and they interpreted it as a person whose needs were too high for the care center. So we call around to hotels and we did a bunch of last minute work and we were able to find a hotel that said yes if your clients you know stay in their room and adhere to like isolation and stuff we're fine with it. Well, I don't know if anybody knows what teenagers are like but they didn't follow the rules as instructed, and there was cross room, pollenization going on and leaving and going to the lobby going outside to smoke. So, after the first night of being there. And on top of that most of my staff were now isolating so I had two staff plus myself who was working on getting clients meals, eating people like hygiene activity you know you can only imagine they didn't have clothes anything. They just everyone straight to the care center so we're doing everything we can on New Year's Day to get things coordinated there. We have a pretty big agency our agency is pretty big we have Chief Medical Officer we have nurses from other departments who were willing to come over and do rapid testing on everybody because we couldn't get the health department or the TCC to kind of launch something their instructions at the health department was like no, we actually have to wait five days of isolation before we can test. Well in that process. As we got to Saturday the hotel vendor decided that our clients weren't in good faith operating as we agreed in terms of isolation and keeping their, their actual hotel safe so then we had to do a second move, where we worked with another hotel that didn't have a lobby It was one of the outpacing hotels or motels where people exit to the, to the parking lot that I want to give a tip that is absolutely the way to go. During isolation time, don't have an indoor hotel. On the night of Beggars can't be choosers as we were trying to find like 17 rooms, but for future one tip outdoor exit, really important, I would say. But we also had to make like phone calls to higher ranking officials at the city and county and ask why is the TCC the Tacoma temporary Care Center, telling us that they have 20 empty beds, but will not take a single one of our clients. They just lumped them all in together so make a long story short, there was pressure

applied and suddenly 17 clients got into the temporary care site, which has nursing and things like that is a hotel. And I will say my experience there was not awesome. They really really tried hard to make sure that the clients that were coming in. Could comply no behavioral health issues, no mental health issues, though, complex medical issues, all that to say we didn't have that information if clients had it or not but they were really asking like if this client, like follow through with protocols or not and we didn't have those answers all the time, and I just honestly had phone calls every single day with a new issue that they were having with a new client. And I talked to their supervisor many times and my feedback to them was it seems like you're trying very hard to get folks out, even people who really need it. So, to make a long story short, we got everybody finally tested some people went to a hotel on hosmer and some people went to the temporary care site we had to split them in half was like 17 and 17 and every hotel move we lost a couple more clients who chose not to go with us. So now we're down to 25, which included about seven or so who who didn't continue through. We've been operating out of this hotel on hosmer every single day for 14 days, the health department did one round of testing. On the fifth day which was like Wednesday the fifth or something of January, and then they came in and did a second round of testing, yesterday, or Wednesday, we are getting our negative tests back, just so you know, every single staff member and every single client that wasn't the first two has tested negative twice. So, so the outbreak was contained yay our strategies worked, we may have overreacted but if we didn't overreact we wouldn't have made it to we're confident that our environment would have created more. So today, actually, at 11 o'clock we will be moving, 20, or so folks that have been cleared to the, to the beacon center and they're going to be sheltering in place at beacon until the day after Tuesday, but after the holiday five of our folks are going to have challenges with our new protocols which are super intense, no tolerance kind of policies all the protocols we have in place before masking and distancing, but let's just say we've had a high level of tolerance with with folks that don't follow some of the protocols, but due to safety concerns. We're not going to have that same level of tolerance out the gate. So, we are going to continue to serve five folks at our hotel at least for the weekend while we kind of prepped them to return. I think that's the gist of of what Rob we've changed some protocols at our shelter we worked with the health department, the city, who's our contractor, and the health department did a walkthrough of the beacon Center building and gave us both feedback and some resources to to address distancing Plexiglas for our tables where we do dining so that folks can pick up their mask and eat and not not expose the germs and things like that. but it's been a very intense slash scary slash challenging we thought the health department would come in like hazmat suits a blazing and like fence the play a quarantine and like do all the stuff but really they called us and said, Hey, you guys should do this stuff, so I had to have like staff. Drive clients around who we potentially thought had exposure because I couldn't get anyone to transport these clients from one hotel to the next, the temporary Care Center was willing to like with a long process one at a time that would have taken something like 12 hours to move all of our folks just from the dome district downtown. And we're like, dude, we can do this in two trips and so we did buckle down and take some steps to do that ourselves, I think, to some degree, the health department was very help helpful but also, like we were hoping for more hands on support from from that health department but I'll leave it there cuz I know we're about to do breakout groups, Rob. Let me share there.

AI Ratcliffe

Um, no.

Rob Huff

I guess my question to you. James would be what. So what kinds of answers from the, the brainstorming group we have here would be helpful, what I was hoping is to try to come up with some ideas that we can pass along to those you interacted with so that we can make this process smoother for others. Going forward, what do you think would be helpful

James Pogue

for first thing is like something that has to be some clarity about what the temporary care site can do. And then when they can't do it like what's the solution and they again, anybody who has not, they were very excited to take first responders they said they're most people that come to temporary care site like first responders firefighters policemen, things like that. but when there was a homeless client with any kind of issue like there was, they called us to say our clients were smoking in the room, we said we don't they the client denies that. Well, turns out the clients have one pair of clothing that smells like smoke. If you put them in the room they smell like smoke they had no proof, but the nurses were so frustrated that the client smelled like smoke, and even made like really really really not trauma informed comments to our clients like those kind of things like what so if that person was behaviorally not appropriate for the care center, then what it's a health like risk, we're in the middle of a pandemic like we have to have some tolerance of some behaviors and things to address like the greater health needs of the community. If a person is COVID, positive or suspected positive and has a behavioral health issues, where do they go, what do they do.

Rob Huff

Yeah.

James Pogue

So that would be my first. Yeah.

Rob Huff

I'm curious. And I don't know why I'm getting that feedback on this mic but I'm curious do Teresa, and others in the planning group do we think that actually a brainstorming group in discussion in the larger group would be more useful in this situation rather than doing breakouts I'm just concerned that we'll spend some time in breakout groups and not really get to an end goal in this situation.

Janet Runbeck

I agree, the TCC situation is controlled control from strings on top and unless somebody has perhaps and political pull. Mike moisture from his mic moisture here today.

Rob Huff

Unfortunately he had another, he had a meeting at the same time as our coalition meeting this morning so he wasn't able to join us I know he has a lot of experience that he could share as well from what is learning center

Janet Runbeck

right it's a similar story but not just a great extent of James story, different sight, same scenario. It seems that the TCC is allowed to pick and choose the their favorite patients, and those of us as healthcare providers, know that we have a preferred patient profile, but by golly, maybe everybody deserves the same equal treatment. So, if anything, perhaps the coalition could draft a letter that would go up to the highest chain of command it is it is paid for Marine Corps correct me if I'm wrong but I believe it's still paid for by the cares. COVID money. If that's the case, but there's there's sort of an MOU between the health department and and the operator. So, it helps to document. These incidents. So James has a recent story Mike has well Mike's story is from Christmas Eve. Yeah. With this with the same result. And so if anybody at the group has another story of some one who is living homeless testing, either testing not testing positive per se but perhaps a known exposure to a known positive case. Those are the folks that we need to get off the streets and out of shelters into isolation and quarantine. So, it would help with the weight of the draft of the letter if we choose to do that today to have as much either anecdotal or real data to explain this scenario.

Rob Huff

Yeah, and I know there's been comments in the chat from Greg and I were really surprised that this hasn't happened before now I'm surprised and thankful. But what part of the setup for this conversation as well is the recognition that if and when the more virulent variants of the COVID that virus come into our community we could be facing this to a much greater degree going forward until more people can get vaccinated. So, the hope would be if we do write a letter that we can create a more clear process that makes sure that we don't end up with people who are infected just happen to be out on the street. Calling

Sara Irish

bad habits suggestion. Also you guys been great about writing letters to the editor on the newspaper, and maybe write a little story of these incidents and how that happened because there is a lot of people, blaming the homeless population of the infection and everything but if they're not getting the right services with, you know, the money they supposed to be allocated for all of us or everybody to help with the spreading of the disease. So I think the community and everybody needs to know and hold people accountable for being creating more disparities already, especially with this vulnerable population so maybe that is stop. And they also sent a letter to whoever provide the money I read the FEMA, or. And then, cc the county of a you know and the health department and the city so they know what's going on because at some extent they're responsible for the well being of the citizens, regardless of their housing situation.

Rob Huff

Thank you Sarah, I think Colin and then Teresa.

Colin DeForest

I was just going to say that it's, um, you know what I mentioned in the chat it's unfortunate because we did have a site setup It was me and others in this meeting, had that site set up at the MDC the old health care for the homeless we had a site set up for many of our challenging homeless experiencing or expose the COVID so that site was shut down unfortunately because we weren't getting a lot of people at that time so it was sensible to understand, but it's too bad that they didn't kind of keep that as an ad

hoc site to be open back up when it was needed because now it's basically been scrapped and it's you know I pulled a lot of that stuff out of that and gave it to other shelters. But I tell you what, It's kind of like when we talk about the encampments and you know why is it, why are we doing nothing about Yakima Avenue and how is there not a plan in place for this. It is absolutely ridiculous that we have a plan in place for literally every single population. When it comes to COVID except for individuals experiencing homelessness that are the most vulnerable and the most challenging so like we have millions of dollars that have been pumped in to this system and we are sitting here nine months later with no plan in place for people under 509 are people from a shelter to go to it's absolutely. It's ridiculous it's shameful, honestly.

Rob Huff

Thanks calling Teresa and then Greg.

Theresa Power-Drutis

So I just want to say in answer to your question about the small groups, if what we want is to have those of us who always speak continue to speak to the whole group then it would be good to stay in a large group if what we want and what I think we want to talk. We could certainly focus the conversation on please bring stories forward if you have them about this and let's get them out there, and let's plan to talk about what kind of what we might want to have in this letter, but I really hope you don't scrap the small groups because there are people I'd love to hear from.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Teresa. And yeah, I'm a little torn because timing wise, we have a very full second hour and we're now heading into it. Greg you had something you wanted to add.

Greg Walker

I just quick question for James. Did you guys. Even I know you may have said this and I missed it, but did you guys end up doing anything where you considered possibly turning the beacon into an isolation center for and housing everybody there because that's essentially what our plan is if we have an exposure that turns into something significant, and I have another problem because I have under age you have special requirements for direct care staff, but we're just going to kind of turn the shelter into an isolation center that's the only option we really have I didn't know what

James Pogue

yeah but there's a few things about that one our building is not quick we don't have showers laundry and a few other things necessary just a big gymnasium, to the problem wasn't the participants being isolated is that the only way to staff, it was to have people come and go home, but already been exposed so we we offered people hotels and we looked at options but we just didn't know what we're dealing with I had all of my staff in the same exposure. The real hiccup for my situation is the second positive because the timeline the exposure was only like four hours from the day that we discovered the first one to the second one, our assumption had to be that they were positive for much longer than four hours and that the time that they had been in the shelter had been had been consecutive days or come for the 24 hour time period, and potentially had contact with everybody we couldn't contact trace effectively. If it wasn't that person. It might have been a different response. But again, the big hiccup

being, that's where we are on the, on the staffing we weren't able to isolate folks and we just couldn't rationalize okay we'll put some folks in hotels, you're gonna work still with definitely having exposure with COVID but probably getting a lot more than that exposure didn't just those two people as a whole building would have been on lockdown again our folks we have 40, a lot of behavioral health issues and other things, it would have been a really big ask. I mean, to the point where it would have been safe. Now with that said, Our team is gotten our agencies are one, a provider. So in terms of line for vaccine so we have some staff that already started that process and it's very possible the next time around, we'll have a different protocol, if, if this ever happens again. But as simple as getting food and all of that stuff. But the logistics of trying to accommodate all that on a lockdown in a building that wasn't equipped for, for 24 hours services and showers and things would have been very very challenging.

Robb Huff

Rosemary.

Rosemary Powers

So, I'm I second Teresa's idea about really wanting to hear from people and I'm aware we probably don't have time today but I would recommend that we have really an important issue that we could all consider if we did this next week where people could think about Collins's point or whoever's point it was about the increased virulent aspects of this disease. What are we prepared for in our agencies, what are we not prepared for in our agencies what could the coalition do to help make sure that the issues that James raised are dealt with by the groups that are charged with that kind of response. So I think we could have some of the things that have already come up from people but hearing from all kinds of folks if we made that a really clear, ask for us to think about for next week. Yeah, I

Rob Huff

would agree I think maybe if we spend. If we devote 1015 minutes for people sharing especially the stories to help us build a strong communication so that we can build a better process going forward, would be great. And I do apologize that we've kind of slipped away. Last time for the breakouts today. Anything else that anybody wants to add before we move on to our next presentation. Please note, garretts comment in the, in the chat, Garrett brings up if we can have people draft their document their stories of interactions with a temporary Care Center, then we can move that information into our discussions, next week. Oh,

Gerrit Nyland

I think I can wants to help me so that's good too.

Rob Huff

Perfect. Oh, but she deferred to you, carrots,

ah.

Rob Huff

All right, so thank you for everybody for allowing me to Bumble through that item and thanks. James for sharing what happened in your situation. I do know, I would like to give the opportunity if Mike moisture can join us next week for him to kind of share what happened in his situation at the warming center as well to frame the conversation so hopefully that will work with timing next week. So, at this point, I am going to welcome. Noah no me. No, I'm going to kill your

targeting Porter.

Yeah.

Rob Huff

So, here to talk about CJK community homes, and

we have Trisha Ballard here whatever other yeah directors,

well, sir. Well sir.

Rob Huff

Let me make you, I understand you have some slides so let me make you a co host for the meeting so you can share slides, I have both

Yeah.

Rob Huff

Yeah. You're welcome. All right. I'll hand you the floor.

Neomi Porter

Awesome. Hi folks, my name is Noemi kapitan Porter. I am the founder of CJK community homes, and this is Trisha Ballard our board treasurer, or a newly formed nonprofit, which provides affordable housing for homeless and low income residents in Pierce County. So, we are striving to be part of creating net zero for homeless individuals, and to help those plagued by poverty by providing affordable, long term housing to our residents in Pierce County. All utilities and Wi Fi are included with some homes having cable insecurity systems in place for easy monthly budgeting. We currently housed 22, non predatory men, three women that have experienced domestic violence, and three low income families who looks like to go going. You got to go to two. You're gonna go there we go right there. Yes. We provide shared housing to individuals and private residents to families with the help of other nonprofits. Since opening our doors in March of 2019. We have successfully transitioned individuals to an independent lifestyle.

Trisha Ballard

So we currently partner with additional organizations and local agencies, current partners, our Catholic community services MDC greater lakes mental health, and the Tacoma Urban League. We get our clients enrolled in vocational training, financial literacy mental health and life skills counseling, our homes are drug and alcohol free with residents expected to follow house rules to ensure all residents have access to a clean, safe and a secure place to prosper and succeed.

Homelessness is all around us. People are forced to live on sidewalks parks in cars abandoned buildings and motels, which is expensive and unfortunately not a long term solution. The demand for affordable housing greatly outweighs the supply. According to the website red jungle calm. As of August 2020, the average rent for an apartment in Tacoma is 1415, which is 5% increase from last year's average of 1344, per month, and individuals individual earning minimum wage of 1350 per hour, and working full time earns a gross income of \$2,340, per month. With most landlords requiring first last rent, as well as a security deposit. This gives people little to no chance of finding stable and affordable housing. Due to these income barriers and per the National Alliance to End Homelessness most minority groups in the United States experience homelessness, at higher rates than whites, and therefore make up a disproportionate share of the homeless population, financial, financial issues when coupled with past criminal background can make finding a home more impossible and problematic. So we'd like to highlight one of our most recent success stories.

Meet Rick. Rick is a 62 year old gentleman who was referred to us by Catholic community through the Tru blood program, having grown up in a home plagued by alcohol abuse and instability, he had spent the majority of his life, 38 years incarcerated. Prior to joining our community he had never held a job in the labor market. We were able to find him work at a fast food restaurant and with encouragement and support. He was able to get enrolled with the Norman brick house at Vallejo vocational into their janitorial program. Rick has since moved out after living in our home for almost 18 months. He is employed full time and is looking forward to his future, while we do not have the ability to house everyone who needs a home. Our plan is to develop and provide housing to as many people as possible.

So our first big project is an East Tacoma, it's East 44th a development, and its site development, and right away permit ready. This project will allow us to house 42 individuals or 14 low income families, and this should take about 24 months to complete each house can house for individuals or one low income family.

Each edu or da Edu on each lot will be ADA accessible house to individuals or one low income family Proctor triplex is SDV and who permit ready. This project will allow us to house nine individuals or three in low income families, and we'll take at least 12 months to complete. McKinley Eastside homes, is in the pre application process with the City of Tacoma. These are micro units, that will allow us to house 20 individuals or 20 coupled families with a child.

So this is us. I'm Noemi catcher I'm a licensed and bonded general contractor and in the last seven years have remodeled and sold over 25 houses in Pierce and King County, have built a home from the ground up and have served over 330 Lowe's customers remodeling bathroom, kitchen siding windows and decks. I'm currently a member of the Pierce County Human Services. Citizens Advisory Board and have been the last two years, my brother who's not here is our board secretary and is a licensed nurse practitioner for comprehensive life resources. Well found in Fairfax hospital. Paul specializes in psychiatric and mental health, his insight and expertise are an excellent resource for helping determine if a potential client is a good fit for our program.

And my name is Tricia flagmen. I'm the board director and treasurer, and the director of operations at sound Family Medicine one of the largest Family Medicine practices here in East Pierce County. I'm also a member of the Pierce County Advisory Committee for prevention programs. I have been a successful leader who oversees and manages daily operations and sets strategic goals to achieve. I hope to bring some great value to the organization, as we continue to grow. We know homelessness negatively impacts the entire community and the solution requires help from the community. While this is just a small percentage of folks without a home here in Pierce County. We hope to inspire others to help everyone people like ourselves.

So, we are entirely ran by volunteers in all funds raised go entirely to pay for the direct costs of running these homes, which include construction costs mortgages, utilities, and maintenance. This is not an easy task but haven't been homeless myself alone with my three daughters, I know the impact of lack of housing has on a person's well being emotional well being. It's a scary frustrating and demoralizing experience. We stayed at the Tacoma rescue mission who connected us with Lhasa, who helped get us into transitional housing and Lakewood that gave us a foundation to succeed, and now have been given the opportunity to pay things forward.

Our intent is to help those who just need an opportunity to get their lives on track. At the age of 21, I found myself pregnant in a very abusive relationship with little to no support. It was through community resources and assistance that I found the guidance and mentorship, that played a pivotal role in becoming who I am today. We hope you can support us in our mission of helping serve our community, one person at a time. Together we improve lives and build a stronger community.

Rob Huff

Well thank you very much for coming and talking with the coalition about the projects you have underway, do focus on folks from the coalition have comments and questions.

Joy Stanford

Now we this is Joyce Stamford I remember having a conversation with you when you were looking for folks for your home and I was at shared housing congrats girlfriend you're doing some real stuff here.

My question is, do you have any plans. I'm doing some projects like on my side of the bridge over here on good Carver key Peninsula, or out further east East Pierce County in the more rural areas.

You know, I live in Pierce County and as you know, I actually was working for an orthopedic surgeon and why we kept a lot of the projects close to home, but now that he's retired, I'm actually open to expanding further out now that I've got the time to be able to oversee some of our projects. And so yeah I'm always open to that. We've got right now three projects that we're working on new one new acquisition in Lakewood, and one house opening in Lakewood that's going to be an old woman house. But yes, we're definitely open we just need that, you know, it's always the final recent financial resources that limits us from really growing to our full capacity. So we're taking baby steps. Great,

Joy Stanford

thank you. I hope to have you come over and talk to our coalition. Next, I'll get ahold of you to do that.

Neomi Porter

Definitely Joyce. Happy New Year.

Rob Huff

Colin.

Colin DeForest

All right. Oh that's super impressive. I was just curious if there's like a cost per unit you guys are shooting for with those,

you know right now. It's based on the remodel the cost of the construction, a lot of our houses are permit fully permitted fully remodeled. So we want to make sure that our clients feel, you know, for us for me and Trisha we're not going to house people that we can't live in ourselves and so we want to make sure that you know they live in a safe, super clean environment fully remodeled to where they deserve it. This is the normal how people live. Outside of that, you know, it's, I know that a lot of our clients really appreciate the homes that they live in. So right now as far as cost, it's pretty much per, per project, how much we invested in it, how much acquisition is in it, and, you know, mortgage mortgage, obviously plays a huge role in that. But typically, app typically it's about \$800 per room fully all inclusive and fully furnished, you know, Wi Fi included, so that way they have the opportunity to be able to look for jobs, go to school and have access to those resources, it's easy, it's easy budgeting for them because nothing really

fluctuates. Correct. They have a set monthly rate and that includes power. Everything that Noemi said,

Trisha Ballard

yeah,

it just makes it easier for them to budget around so everything else they can do with, you know, read primary and then everything else they can worry about.

Joy Stanford

So is this concept something like they're doing in Kitsap here's the homes of compassion,

Neomi Porter

you know, um,

I do not, we kind of stay in our own lane we're medical primary First, we just know that there's a need out there for housing. And since we both have the background of being homeless, needing a place to stay at one point, we, our collaboration is based on our life experiences, what would make things easy for somebody to succeed. So we were not exactly quite sure what other organizations do but we know that it works for us.

So what is the eligibility like and what is the application process,

and also I'm

sorry I have a lot questions.

Amanda Walkingstick

You had mentioned it's like permanent supportive housing in a way, but it sounded like you were saying that you guys have successfully transitioned eight families into self sustaining.

So is it. Or, is the model more transitional based, or what.

Yes, well you know because some people do need to get off the streets now so right now, our our houses that we have that we own and operate are kind of based on transitional we we were transitional, and then we work towards permanent housing. So our new developments are going to be based on permanent housing. But yes right now it's true, how sharing is what we focus on right now. And so it's it's a lot easier for a lot of our single men to do shared housing, and a lot of those individuals are the ones that's actually transitioned out to be self sufficient. So we do a, an interview with the individual make sure it's a good fit because you can't you just can't be throwing people into a home, and, you know, let it be problematic and so we we do a one on one with the clients, you know, talk about expectations, see what their goals are and hopefully it's a good fit for us. We are the only ones we don't really take right now is sexual predators, because a lot of our houses are by parks or schools. So the,

the distance keeps them from being housed in these in these homes but we have, you know, felons of every other background.

So you talked a little bit about transitional goal and each of our clients has different opportunities and capabilities. So that's where vocational planning and the assistance for behavioral health comes in handy because we have to create SMART goals, right, a goal that each client can reach. And so each client may be on a different path but the full goal is for them to be able to have somewhere safe to live. Yeah.

And so we're in, we're looking at you know more of a permanent housing later down the line but the foundation is housing primary because that's the platform that they need to be able to build from is a home, a safe environment for them to be in to be you know to be able to grow.

Rob Huff

Fantastic so other questions.

Sheila Miraflor

Now this is Sheila with goodwill know me. Are you, are your units mainly located on the east side right now. No, so

we have 10 homes right now so they're all over Pierce County and Tacoma Lakewood East Tacoma. So we have two in central Tacoma, and incept, and that's not including two houses that we're working with the City of Tacoma right now to get that permit ready. We're trying to build a main house and an edu. So we'll have two current existing locations now that's being housed in two that's going to get built. We have a development in East 44, where there's a current house now that we're actually renting to two veterans, and we're going to be building from that and adding seven lots to build seven houses and seven at you. And then we also have another one on McKinley and East 34th Street. We have one on South 50th, we have one on 79th in Lakewood, we just picked up a new acquisition in Lake Louise. And we have another house in Fairlawn and 69th street so all in all, we have about between 10 to 13 properties that we own and operate.

Sheila Miraflor

This is great information. Thank you so much for

Rob Huff

me I put your contact information in the chat, but is there other additions like a website or anything else that that folks should be visiting to get more information

on yeah we would love to be able to share the PowerPoint with you all our contact information is there, but it is CJK community homes.com is our website. And we just went live about a few days ago so there's definitely some modifications that possibly will need to be done but all our info is there.

Rob Huff

Okay. CJK community. Community homes.org.com.com.

And we're actually right now we're in negotiation there's a property on State Street right now. that has been sitting in abandoned for a few years, I don't know if you guys have seen that, it's a 30 to 50 bed 50 unit. And it's been on the market for, you know, for a while so somebody had actually reached out to me I'm an investor. Also, so I buy and sell houses and this individual has listed it's 5210, South State Street, which is 50 beds 11 bath. And so we're looking to collaborate together and maybe do a master lease with our nonprofit and see what we can do to be able to, you know, help with the community and to get people more people off the streets.

Rob Huff

Well thank you so much for the information, really appreciate you taking the time to present to us this morning and hope that you'll consider joining our calls going going forward I know that you posted I think you're on the mailing list or the email list. So it's great information for everybody on the coalition to have

Neomi Porter

definitely thank you for having us. Yes,

Trisha Ballard

thank you for your time.

Rob Huff

Great. All right, let's move on to our government updates for today. I see Valerie on the call. What do you have for us from Pierce County Valerie.

Sarah Rumbaugh

So just a few really quick updates I wanted to kind of bring up to everybody. I hope you can hear me okay so rental assistance for 2020 did close. We are in the process of waiting for the rest of the recommendations from the US Department of Treasury. We also met yesterday with Washington State, because that we will get a direct allocation from the US Department Treasury and we will also get an allocation from the state. And so figuring out what the requirements will be it's gonna look really probably really different from the last year's application. And so just what are those requirements, what are folks have to be eligible for in order to receive this assistance and so our goal is to have the project up and running in sometime in February if all stars align that, you know, Treasury has been pretty vague as of right now on what's required what's not required. And so we want to make sure that we don't have to go back and do a lot of grant changes and make folks not eligible so that is in the process we are still working through that. We do have some unspent irap dollars from 2020. And so we're

working with a provider now to get those out the door. Folks who originally applied in 2020 will be eligible for those many boards so just figuring out what that last dollar amount is and getting that contract up and running so all of that's in the works for the point and time count so I got I received an email asking what our stances. And so here is the, my answer I don't know if it's official but I work for the county so take us out for what it is. So we went out and we requested an extension exception to not do the homeless point in time count this year. And what's important for people to understand is head only requires it every other year, the state of Washington requires it annually. So we actually have done a point in time count for 2122 years total. So we are far exceeding HUDs requirements, but the state of Washington has in recent years required as part of our document recording fees. And so, the state has also requested an exemption King County Snohomish County Spokane, are requested exemptions, and that is for several reasons one in Pierce County alone we use approximately 400 volunteers to do our annual point in time count. That's 400 people that have to be trained, that have to go out into the community. That's 400 people potentially exposing folks who are already extreme risk of COVID to even more arrests right like that's a lot of potential for for transmitting the disease. The other thing is that those 400 votes are going into some attack tracing nightmare that creates when you're talking 1000s of folks experiencing homelessness, on top of the 400 volunteers and everyone. And so we just felt it was just safer for the folks experiencing homelessness to really not be exposed to that level. Some things that are still happening as folks are still donating items. James public shout out to you because they realtor who donated socks. In past years already donated them this year we connected with James he's going to work with other outreach team so those are still getting out into the community. The United Way's already reached out they have hygiene kits and things we're going to do the exact same process get them out into the community, Nike donated some shoes get them out into the community so that part will still happen. We will also still do the homeless shelter account, which is pulled from our homeless management information system, and anyone not in ATMs can still participate. So for example, people on the call who have shelters who don't enter into our database. We have an app, it's called counting as you complete the app, your folks get counted in shelter count. Okay, so I'm going to strongly encourage everyone who has a shelter and safe haven or transitional house and there's County, that does not enter data into ATMs, send me an email, I will get you connected to the app, it takes less than a minute to complete super super vague, no social, none of that stuff, just really making sure that your speed folks in the shelter get counted in this 2021 count. So please keep pushing that out, we desperately need the count will still be on the night of the 28th, so if you are a shelter provider. The Night of the 28th needs to be a really really good day tonight so you'll have to provide business days to get that in and then we will report that number two. I'm still doing all the same demographics all the same causes of homelessness, all of those things but we will be able to pull most of that out of ATMs so those are my current updates, I am currently in three meetings at a time so after I answer your questions and we'll have to bounce to the next one. But if you have any specific questions anything you need from us please let me know but I'll stay for a minute. Yes, Garrett,

Gerrit Nyland

it looks like. Next Wednesday's Human Services Committee meeting is going to have an update from Heather moss on the 2020 work plan, do you know much about that.

Valeri Knight

I know absolutely nothing about that but I will,

Gerrit Nyland

I will put a link in let you know what I can find out in the email there's gonna be a discussion about the FEMA funding according to Councilmember young at that meeting again as well as COVID-19 and 2020 update should be interesting, and is the CSE meeting next week.

Valeri Knight

It is a CSE meeting at 9am here is an updated link and an agenda was drawn the website from our amazing B, just got some just got posted today, and it's a packed agenda, your own Kevin will be there to do a report out.

Sarah Rumbaugh

Well, people who have entered into ATMs do the mobile unit be counted in the meantime count, only if they're in an emergency shelter. So it is a sheltered only count it is not an unsheltered count policy so if they are currently unsheltered that will not be in ATMs However, because our outreach teams do such an amazing job like the mobile units and all of that, we can pull those reports. Just to have a basic update and that data as Gary has been telling y'all for years is far better data than the point in time count right like I know everybody has add that we're not doing the count with the data in HDMI s and our service system is so far better than the point in time count the point time count is really great for getting supplies out, educating the community having that one on one with folks that normally wouldn't come into the system, that's the benefit, it is not as big of a data pool as what we should be doing every day anyway.

Julian Wheeler

Valerie This is Julie Wheeler I certainly haven't volunteered before I will miss the camaraderie and the esprit de corps of the point in time count. Thanks for having me before.

Valeri Knight

And we'll look forward to you in 2022 which we will start planning in four whole months process. All right.

Rob Huff

Anything else feel

Valeri Knight

free to call me, I'm happy to help.

Rob Huff

Awesome. Thank you, Valerie. You're welcome. All right, so, I don't see Erica from the city on the call I know that she is hoping to stop by. But she has a conflict with her kids school until close to 11 so we may get an update from the city closer to the end of today's meeting.

Gerrit Nyland

Let's see, Matthew Jorgensen is on the call.

Rob Huff

Matthew did you want to do an update or,

Matthew Jorgensen

I don't have any updates or now we

Rob Huff

can wait for Erica she might have one. Okay, I think, Karen and Matthew.

Kenny Coble

I have one if that's okay, Rob. Yeah, sure. Sorry, I know I'm not your regular city person. But I just wanted to thank everybody who came to the event last night to talk about the warming shelter or the warming center Excuse me. We had 330 people in attendance we got 550 questions. I just wanted to offer something that I offered also to the north, east neighborhood council that when I get flooded with questions like that it's frankly extremely difficult to manage that many. And if anyone if the coalition itself wanted to submit questions to me in advance for any of these kind of engagement events, I would happily take them in advance and ensure that your questions are included, of course, you're such an important partner to us. And I just want to make sure that we get to your questions as well. Not to supplant anyone else's questions but I just, I don't, I couldn't find y'all in there, honestly, and I know at least Garrett was there. So, just wanted to offer that you can always email me at advance, and I'll put my contact in the chat. Thanks everybody. And thanks for being involved. The center is opening very very soon so we definitely need to stay engaged and keep talking about what it could look like for our community. So thank you.

Robb Huff

Thank you, Kenny.

James Pogue

Um,

Rob Huff

so let's move on to the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department any updates for us today.

Brianna Betancourt

Hi everybody, my name is Brianna Betancourt, and bear with me I have several updates. All right, so I'm gonna I started sending the mobile testing schedule updates through the community forum, so I'll continue to do that weekly as I get them. So for, for Michael pitonyak and I as community liaisons for public education around COVID vaccines. We're developing a strategy and gathering needs around public education for the vaccines. We also met with our community engagement team leaders yesterday. We've been addressing concerns this week from coalition leads and fielding. The issues to the proper teams within the department to help elevate these concerns around vaccine deployment.

Janet Runbeck

Also,

Brianna Betancourt

the asks from the shelter summit are being reviewed by the health equity team. So that is currently being worked on. For the health for the health asks. Then, when we met with our community engagement team Leads Leads yesterday we got a point of contact for our health care coordination team who will be joining this coalition meeting in the near future for to talk about planning for vaccines around the unhoused population.

Also,

Brianna Betancourt

outside of our COVID activation role. Michael and I are on a our other work our regular department work. We're on the social and economic, environmental conditions of health team, and this was put together the year before last year and for the last couple years the department is trying has been trying to figure out what our lane is with with housing. And so after pushing for a long time, and lots of discussion last January we were able to finally get approval to hire a housing policy coordinator for our team. And so, we're interviewing right now and we should be done by the beginning of February. And that person will take the lead on that. The housing policy work, obviously, and then coordinating with this coalition. All the city the county. So we'll have a lead person at the department around housing policy. So that's good news, and I. When James gave his experience description I did take some notes, and I'm gonna be reaching out to our health equity team around on this stuff because some of it is definitely a health equity issue. So, and then. That's all for my updates and then Michael is gonna follow up with some other details so thank you.

Robb Huff

Thank you.

Michael Pitonyak

Thanks Brianna I really appreciate that everyone, my name is Michael pitonyak I'm also a vaccine community liaison to help support Vaccine Education outreach and bear with me for a second I just want to give a reminder for folks who are new to this sort of work but for the vaccine allocation currently from the Washington State Department of Health. It's being distributed in different phases so right now in phase one a focusing on high risk workers in healthcare settings high risk first responders and long term care facilities and also focusing on all other workers in health care settings at a higher risk. Shortly, we'll be looking into phase one B, and that's going to open it up to all people seven years and older people, 50 years of age and older living in multi generational households, high risk critical workers working in certain congregate settings, and people 16 years old and older, two or more core morbidities underlying health conditions and tier four, looking at critical workers. People staff, volunteers and congregate living settings. This is where people experiencing homelessness are specifically called out. And these are all going to be phased in throughout the next few months and just for information for those not as familiar I'm going to share the link to the Washington State Department of Health's webpage that kind of has more information on this, but for a lot of you. I may sound like a broken record

at this point, where a lot of you are very familiar with this guidance and actually been asking questions and suggestions and expressing those concerns to us about the county's interpretation of this guidance that is given from the state, and for Pierce County, that's pretty much how the interpretation has been is just from however the state has been giving us guidance on that. And there's been concerns and issues, based on other counties who have been interpreting the guidance and I just want to say that. Yeah, definitely we've been getting some concerns suggestions and thoughts on this guidance from the coalition's leadership, so thank you. Garrett and Maureen for sending those questions fielding those to us, we'll be answering, we'll be meeting together like Rana had said with our team. Our response is separated into different teams, and focuses like we mentioned, we're more focused on Vaccine Education outreach, there's another team for actually planning vaccinate vaccine distribution and another team for vaccine. Testing COVID-19 testing. So we're, we're gathering all those folks together, and we're coming up with a strategy and just let you know we we have received those ideas those questions and that feedback we really appreciate that and we're taking those concerns really seriously, we'll be meeting together to come up with a plan and we'll follow up as soon as we meet together and have more information for you all. So thank you all for your patience. We really appreciate all these concerns questions and thoughts so we'll be, we'll be moving on this so thank you again, I really appreciate it. Thanks.

Gerrit Nyland

Karen I have a quick comment as you plan out how to distribute vaccines to people experiencing homelessness, you might consider having in the room while you're planning. People that work with people experiencing homelessness, and people that are experiencing homelessness, those are those are two really informative sets of folks that will be able to give you some good information, so I appreciate the meeting a meet in a room and come out with a plan, but in the spirit of collaboration, you might consider meet in a room with people that are working with those populations and people that are those populations, and then create a plan. Thank you, Gary.

Michael Pitonyak

Yeah, that's a great suggestion and I will definitely follow up with our team lead Jack's I believe. Some of you folks may have met Jack's but certainly suggest that to Jackson will will definitely get moving on this, we really appreciate all the, all the feedback and support.

Al Ratcliffe

We know what the reaction is so we know whether you are going to call.

Rob Huff

Thanks, pal. All right, so I want to thank everybody for that I don't think we have anybody from the Pierce County Emergency Management Department with us this morning. I haven't seen it,

Rosemary Powers

from. I'm not sure the group she's from, Amanda. Well, she's,

Rob Huff

she's gonna present next So, um,

Rosemary Powers

yeah right I was, I was like, no problem,

Rob Huff

no problem. So let's move on to Amanda's conversation. You have the floor, man.

Amanda Walkingstick

Oh Hi everybody, I am a co leader of the People's group from the Pierce County Community Engagement Task Force. And one of the bigger projects we've been working on is a speaker's bureau. And what that is is an opportunity for speakers who have lived experience with homelessness and other challenges to present their story to organizations and agencies, and the goal of this is to help the staff better understand and serve their community. And as it evolves we are hoping that the speaker's bureau will offer a sounding board for new ideas and initiatives. And this is something we've been working really hard on, and we've just begun training, two speakers with our speakers assistance, and the purpose of a speaker's assistant is to take the speakers, through the process of developing their story and figuring out how to say it, what they want to say, and getting that practicing as compensation we offer our speakers, a toolbox. And what this toolbox is is a lot of career training we do kind of a life skill set exploration exploration pertaining to the speaker's individual life. We do resume building. We do network connecting short long BIOS professional photos and set them up with a LinkedIn account and letters of recommendation and of that sort. And so as we're kind of coming towards the end of this program being built. We've began kind of seeking out additional speakers, as well as speakers assistance. And we're really, really looking forward to just getting this up and off the ground. I am actually the first speaker that's gone through the process. And I speak on homelessness, I was homeless for eight years from 14 to 20. And I've been off the streets for an additional eight years. So we're really excited about being able to bring this to the community. And if you, it's something you're interested in, and would like to be involved. And you just head over to our website. The PCC etf.org, I'll go ahead and drop that in the chat as well, and fill out one of our membership forums, and our engagement coordinator will get you set up with our peoples group. And then you can also shoot me an email as well for additional information, or if you would like to get involved and I can send you to the right through. And I just like to add to the website that was just put in the chat by Garrett that's actually our old website we have our own standalone website now with everything up to date, there's any questions I am happy to answer that. You do not suck Garrett.

Rob Huff

Does anybody have questions for Amanda,

Robb Huff

rosemary.

Rosemary Powers

I don't really have a question but I'm just really delighted and excited that you're doing this so I'm, I'm just so pleased. And I think the more people we can have been able to share the realities of these experiences, the stronger connections, we'll have in our community. So thank you very much.

Theresa Power-Drutis

And if you're an example of what of the work you do, then it's a very good program. You did very well speaking with us.

Amanda Walkingstick

Yes, and we should have our applications ready here soon too. If you're interested in having a speaker will let us know and we will get you set up. I'm currently one of our speakers going through our training process right now. I he is actually homeless right now in the moment. And so that kind of gives us a nice variety, you know we have me who's transitioned out of homelessness and transitioned back into society. And we have him who's currently homeless and trying to navigate, how to do that transition into society. So we have quite a few different angles, to look at, with this so definitely feel free to email me if you're interested in any way.

Rob Huff

Thank you again and again thank you for your patience.

Amanda Walkingstick

No worries. I really enjoyed hearing what's going on and stuff there's like I said there's a lot of great things and I'm so grateful that you all are doing this, it was very difficult being homeless, and it makes me really happy to see some of the areas that I struggled with, and being talked about and address now, so let's, it's great you guys are doing amazing work and I really appreciate it.

Rob Huff

Well, thank you. So I think, Erika from the city was briefly with us but couldn't hang on she did provide some updates in chat. And she may popping back in before the end of the meeting, potentially, but let's move to our next item. Collin Do you have updates for safe parking or Jan.

Janet Runbeck

Jan Kala had to leave to do another site inspection, we've got a short but wonderful report. Our first two sites are up and operational and Collin is exploring Bellarmine, as an option for safe parking. And also, Tacoma Community College is in conversation with us, forming a partnership with faith based organizations in the area, and we are developing a plan as to how that is going to look. I'm also a little you know when people talk about vaccination and I'm glad they talked about vaccination. There's more than COVID going on. So, I personally and other retired nurses are going to be at Eastside community center shelter Tuesday, 10am. to noon to give flu vaccinations. So, anybody that needs or wants, or should have a flu shot, come see me at the Eastside community, shelter, this coming Tuesday, 10, until noon. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Jan there was a question from Patty about reminder of the two locations that are currently open for safe parking.

Janet Runbeck

Hey, I'm South Hill Baptist on. Let's see if Paula Anderson is here so South Hill Baptist is a large church. They are active and also si community of believers on Portland Avenue.

Rob Huff

Thank you. Fantastic. So let's shift over to Maureen, and talk about advocacy.

Maureen Howard

Okay, so it's a good week, the governor's budget is amazing. Both the operating budget and the capital budget. I've been sending out that information to you. I did testify in the capital budget identifying myself with this coalition, particularly in support of the \$70 million for rapid shelter acquisition which would allow us to buy these hotels and for continuation of the \$40 million in expanded shelter. That's what the tiny houses at 6000 orchard. The rescue missions women's shelter and the 20 Hotel beds in our rooms in Puyallup are running on. And I'm pretty sure it's what Robin is running the new emergency shelter on in that she spoke about. And we got all of 60 seconds. So, if you this, it's all remote folks, this is the easiest testimony you will ever give. All right. And so I really encourage people to think about that and when you see those links follow up. They. We've got some key players. We've got GD Dr. Neil on ways that means we in the senate we've got Marie Lovett on the house capital budget. And we've got people on bills moving forward. Chris gildan Scott, he's, he and Mark leus, are on a bipartisan bill on at us in the counties outside of cities. So there are lots of things that are coming along. And there were two Trueblood members who testified on the governor's budgets in both the House and the Senate. Let's see, we'll follow the Alliance Washington, low income housing Alliance on certain issues, I've been reaching out to people I know are engaged in things. The Kmart locally that Kmart on. Sixth Avenue is for sale. And some of us have reached out to the, our chamber partners in that housing group to talk about is, is there any room, if it's a private sale. It's an advocacy opportunity Even so, but if they were to go for the multifamily tax exemption, there would have to be a change to an ordinance to make that happen. So, it you know bears watching, it's our old friend there. We're getting a little bit of traction around using FEMA which is not the FEMA money that's running the temporary care center that's a different FEMA track, and it's not the FEMA money that some of you get every year for emergency food or shelter. That's different. Again, this is the FEMA money that several jurisdictions across the country are using to pay for hotel rooms that the city and county have refused to do so. Somebody we know, not me. emailed important people and now there's. Yeah. His eyes are good yeah he's That's the one. And so now, the now we're getting close questions from city and county council members about this fit this FEMA track would pay 75% of the cost of the hotel rooms, and the food. And we'd have to come up with 25, there is federal emergency solutions grant money that could be the resource that could be other kinds of things but but this is, I mean they're doing it, other places, and including entire states in some cases, and and Nick Federici is working at the state level. If you want to operate a hotel or a motel as emergency shelter, with an eye towards converting towards permanent housing, whether it's permanent supportive housing or whatever that looks like. And I did not reach out to you. When we started a set of conversations with bridge housing, out of San Francisco. Then, please let me know so I get you added to those conversations. There's no money right now and there's no commitment, but the county does have some document recording fee money they could bond. So there's a possibility of acquisition and bridge housing itself did \$100 million social impact bond, just a straight taxable bond at about three and a quarter percent interest. So it's not, you don't have to deal with all of the Low Income Tax. Tax Credit stuff. So it's, you know how normal people do business. Anyway, if you want more

information, let me know if you want to be involved in advocacy I'm just, I'm gonna keep sending the national Low Income Housing Coalition updates for the federal and the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance for this state. And when I see an issue that I know people organizations involved in. I'll try and reach out directly but please please reach out to me. This really is a session that most of the people who were speaking on these committee meetings were professional lobbyists. All right. There were some who were members, the community of people with disabilities is extremely well organized. They had a couple of folks speaking through AI their computers were talking, you could see them visually but the computer was speaking. So it's really pretty cool to be able to see that technology work, but for the rest, lots of professional lobbyists types. So, this is the opportunity. Thank you. As always,

Rob Huff

thank you, Maureen. So we have about four or five minutes left on the agenda. Do we have anybody with anything for the good or the order to close this out or any other items that we should hear about today.

This is Julian Wheeler I wanted to thank the people here in this on this meeting, who attended our ACC meeting on Tuesday, and. So thank you, I'll just pick on Garrett for now thank you for attending and for helping us generate some ideas for accessibility projects in a speaker's chair the ACC, we can make Pierce County more accessible. If this can help generate some interest in looking at what each of you is doing. As far as, you know, the accessibility aspect of it, then I would like to suggest that. My email address is forthcoming. But Garrett can help you find me. And I also wanted to have a second announcer here unfortunately, there was an incident at my house last week. On Tuesday, and just because I served as an elector someone left a death threat on my porch. And so, I'm putting the case number into the chat box. Thank you for. Thank you for your interest here.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Julian and sorry to hear that.

Maureen Howard

You know, I, if I could make one more offer. I'm going to do something for Jeffrey, and the Episcopal bishops homeless Task Force, kind of a basic advocacy or, I think it's 102 this year. If you, if you want some specialized, you know, brief advocacy training for your particular group or organization or something like that, let me know. Hey.

Todd Holloway

This is Todd Holloway, a marine Could I trouble you to get the contact information I can email you directly if that if that's helpful to find out who at the state levels working on that FEMA Category B funding. FEMA only provides a provides it to the state. The state has to then

Maureen Howard

this is the, the PA Pima PA.

Todd Holloway

Oh okay public is okay.

Maureen Howard

Yeah. Thanks, the wonderful world of fever.

Rob Huff

Anyone else with items for the good old order. All right. So thank you everybody for coming out today. Information packed meeting today so appreciate it. And if you want to stay on the call, there will be a group of folks hanging out beyond the end of the meeting to do planning for next week's meeting. Garrett's gonna lead that up because I need to leave for another meeting but everybody have a great Friday, a great weekend, and a great MLK Day.